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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

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THE MIND-BLOWING SECRET IS OUT!! AN EXTRA-ORDINARY DISCOVERY HAS REVEALED WHAT HAS PUZZLED HUMANS THROUGHOUT THE AGES--THAT THERE IS AN ASTOUNDING TRUTH BEHIND ALL OF MYTHOLOGY!! BUT THIS HASN'T HAPPENED IN SLOW AND EASY STAGES! IF YOU THINK FUTURE SHOCK IS A PROBLEM, TRY THIS STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF "PAST SHOCK!" FOLLOW THE ETERNALS INTO--

OLYMPIA!

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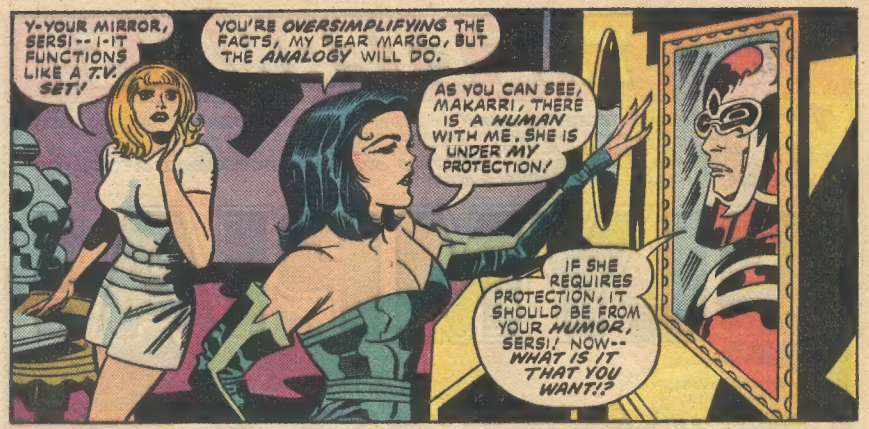
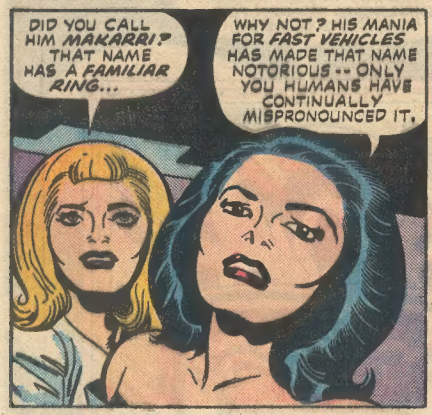
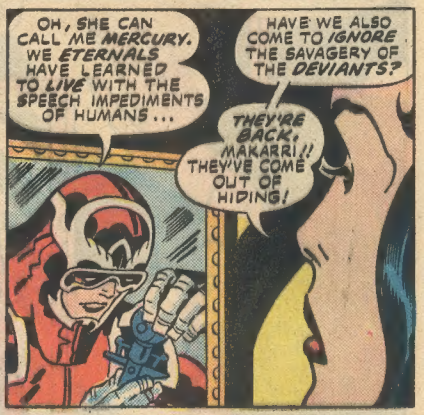
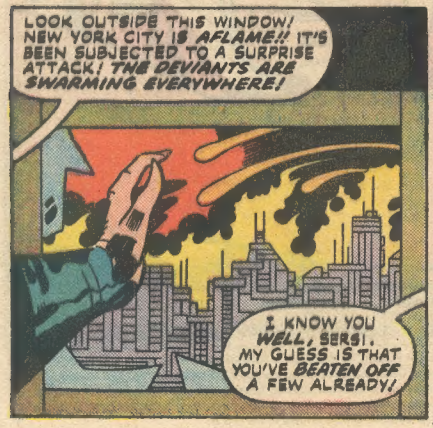
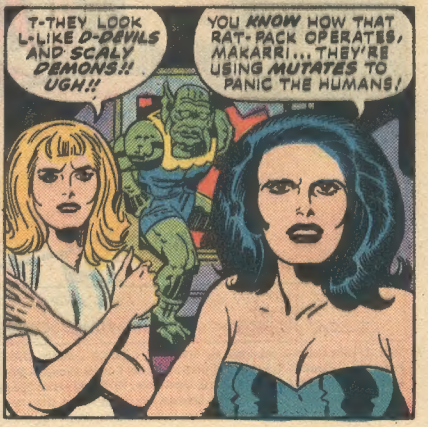
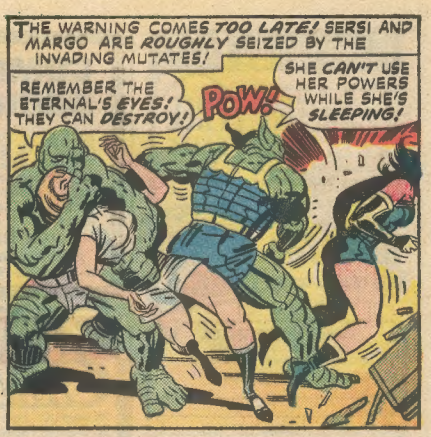

Y-YOUR MIRROR, SERSI--I-IT FUNCTIONS LIKE A T.V. SET!
YOU'RE OVERSIMPLIFYING THE FACTS, MY DEAR MARGO, BUT THE ANALOGY WILL DO.
AS YOU CAN SEE, MAKARRI, THERE IS A HUMAN WITH ME. SHE IS UNDER MY PROTECTION!
IF SHE REQUIRES PROTECTION, IT SHOULD BE FROM YOUR HUMOR, SERSI! NOW--WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT!?

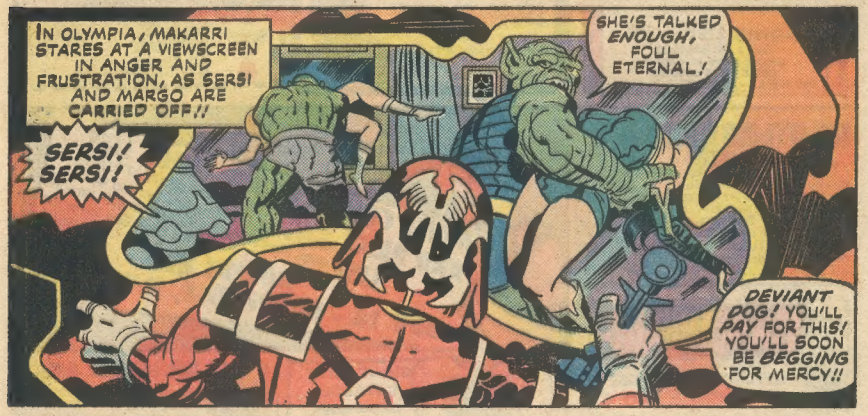

DID YOU CALL HIM MAKARRI? THAT NAME HAS A FAMILIAR RING...
WHY NOT? HIS MANIA FOR FAST VEHICLES HAS MADE THAT NAME NOTORIOUS -- ONLY YOU HUMANS HAVE CONTINUALLY MISPRONOUNCED IT.

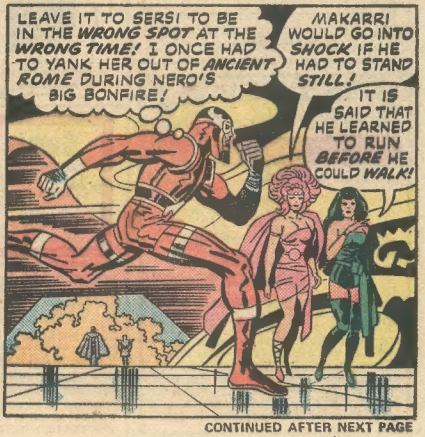

OH, SHE CAN CALL ME MERCURY. WE ETERNALS HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH THE SPEECH IMPEDIMENTS OF HUMANS...
HAVE WE ALSO COME TO IGNORE THE SAVAGERY OF THE DEVIANTS?
THEY'RE BACK, MAKARRI!! THEY'VE COME OUT OF HIDING!


LOOK OUTSIDE THIS WINDOW! NEW YORK CITY IS AFLAME!! IT'S BEEN SUBJECTED TO A SURPRISE ATTACK! THE DEVIANTS ARE SWARMING EVERYWHERE!
I KNOW YOU WELL, SERSI. MY GUESS IS THAT YOU'VE BEATEN OFF A FEW ALREADY!


T-THEY LOOK L-LIKE D-DEVILS AND SCALY DEMONS!! UGH!!
YOU KNOW HOW THAT RAT-PACK OPERATES, MAKARRI... THEY'RE USING MUTATES TO PANIC THE HUMANS!







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OLYMPIA, CITY OF THE ETERNALS, RESTS ON A MOUNTAIN TOP, AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH THIS SPECIES ADAPTED TO IN AGES PAST. CUT OFF FROM THE SURFACE WORLD BELOW, THE ETERNALS HAVE SPENT THE AGES DEVELOPING THEIR STRANGE POWERS...

I'LL MAKE BETTER TIME IF I LEVITATE! THE PRIME ONE WILL FLIP WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT THE DEVIANTS!

IT GIVES ONE PAUSE TO SPECULATE IF MAKARRI EVER STOPS TO DINE!!

JOIN ME IN MEDITATION, MAKARRI! FLEETNESS IS NOT WISDOM!

IN THE TEMPLE OF COMMAND, MAKARRI APPROACHES THE DIGNIFIED AND EFFICIENT DISPENSER OF OLYMPIA'S GENERAL AFFAIRS...

HO! DOMO!

DON'T SHOUT, MAKARRI! YOU KNOW HOW DISTURBING THAT CAN BE!

WOULDN'T YOU SHOUT IF YOU'D JUST BEEN WITNESS TO THE ABDUCTION OF AN ETERNAL BY-- GET THIS--MUTATES!?!

MUTATES? MUTATES? BUT THEIR KIND HASN'T BEEN ACTIVE FOR AGES!

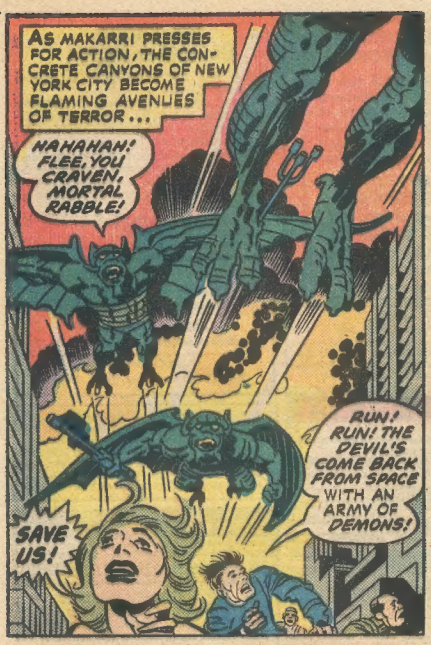
WELL, THEY'RE ACTIVE NOW! BECAUSE THEIR MASTERS, THE DEVIANTS, ARE ACTIVE!!

THE DEVIANTS HAVE COME OUT OF THEIR HOLE--TO FIGHT!

NONSENSE! IT ISN'T POSSIBLE-- NOT AFTER ALL THESE MILLENIA!

I DEMAND TO SEE THE GREAT ONE! HE WON'T TREAT THIS SO LIGHTLY!

IF I WERE YOU, I'D RETIRE SOMEWHERE AND DREAM UP A MORE REALISTIC REASON FOR RISKING THE GREAT ONE'S WRATH!



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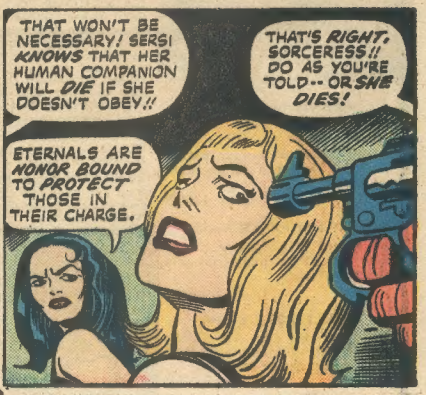
CAREFUL, SERSI! ETERNALS MAY BE POWERFUL, AS WELL AS IMMORTAL, BUT I'VE HUMBLED THEM BEFORE!!
TURN ME LOOSE AND I'LL TELL THE HUMANS WHO YOU ARE! KRO, THE DEVIANT! KRO, THE FAKE!
SILENCE HER, GREAT KRO!

ANGERED BY SERSI'S TAUNTS, THE LEADER OF THE INVASION REACHES OUT, IN THE AGE-OLD MANNER OF THE BULLY!
ARE YOU MAD!!?? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MAY COST YOU??
I KNOW THAT YOU CAN RETALIATE, SERSI! BUT, YOU WON'T! NOT THIS TIME, FAIR ONE!

SUDDENLY, KRO'S EYES WIDEN IN ASTONISHMENT AND FEAR! HIS GAZE IS FIXED ON THE HAND WHICH CLASPS SERSI!
NO! NO! YOU FEMALE FIEND!! W-WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?

MY HAND! YOU'VE CHANGED IT INTO A GNARLED AND TWISTED STUMP OF WOOD!

UNDO THIS BRAZEN DEED, YOU DEFIANT WENCH!! UNDO THIS ABOMINATION, I SAY!
IT LOOKS NO WORSE THAN YOUR FACE, KRO!
GIVE US THE COMMAND, KRO! WE'LL MAKE HER OBEY!!
YES! YES! GIVE US THE ORDER!


THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! SERSI KNOWS THAT HER HUMAN COMPANION WILL DIE IF SHE DOESN'T OBEY!!
THAT'S RIGHT, SORCERESS!! DO AS YOU'RE TOLD-- OR SHE DIES!
ETERNALS ARE NONOR BOUND TO PROTECT THOSE IN THEIR CHARGE.

SERSI'S EYES BLAZE BRIGHTLY, EMITTING RAYS THAT FORCE A MOLECULAR CHANGE...

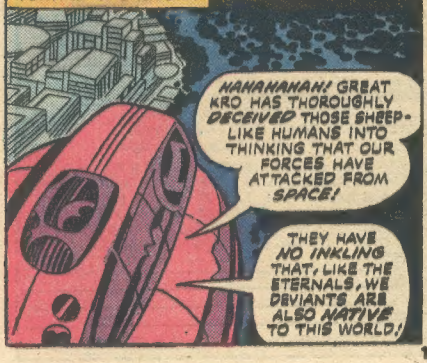
SHE'S DONE IT! MY HAND REGAINS ITS FORMER SHAPE!

I RECANT WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE, KRO! MISTREAT ME AGAIN AND I'LL FIX YOU FOR GOOD, ON MY NEXT TRY!

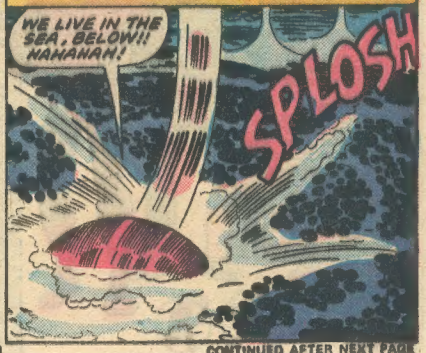
THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME, ETERNAL!

WE'LL MAKE CERTAIN OF THAT!

THE AIR SHUTTLE GLIDES SILENTLY ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY. IT TAKES JUST MINUTES TO REACH THE WATERFRONT AREA AND CONTINUE TOWARD THE RIVER.



DESCENT IS SUDDEN AND SWIFT! A STEEP DIVE SENDS THE CRAFT INTO CONTACT WITH THE COLD, DARK WATERS. IT SUBMERGES AND VANISHES FROM SIGHT!!



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ONCE BENEATH THE WATER'S SURFACE, THE CRAFT CONVERTS TO SUBMARINE CAPABILITY, AND MAKES FOR THE *MOTHER* SHIP...

SHUTTLE TO RAIDER. OPEN YOUR *MAIN HATCH!* WE'RE BRINGING *GUESTS!*

BRING THEM IN! WE KNOW HOW TO *TAKE CARE* OF THEM!!

MEANWHILE, IN LOFTY OLYMPIA, A CONTEST OF A MORE ATHLETIC NATURE IS *MANIPULATED* FOR SKILL AND *SPORT*...

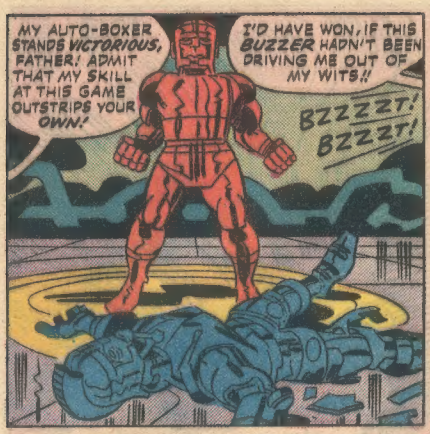
YOU'RE *FUMBLING* LIKE AN *AMATEUR* WITH THAT *REMOTE-CONTROL GUIDE,* FATHER! I'VE GOT YOUR *AUTO-BOXER* ON THE RUN!

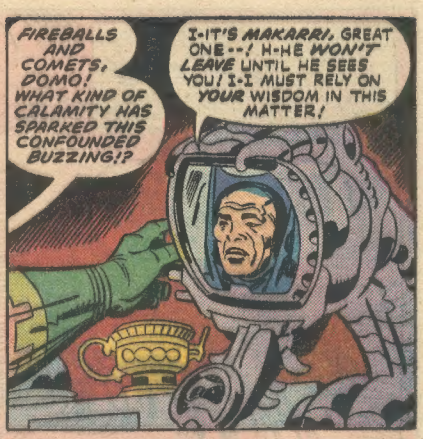
PROUD AND FOOLISH GIRL! I'VE *LURED* YOUR FIGHTER INTO POSITION FOR A *WINNING* BLOW!

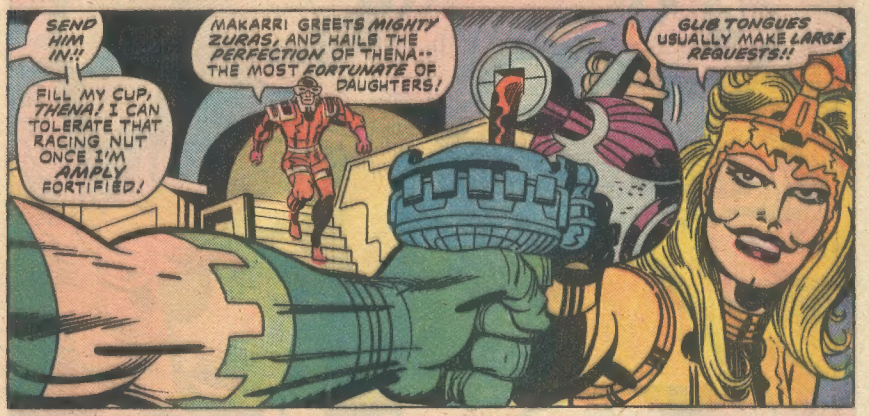
WHA—!??

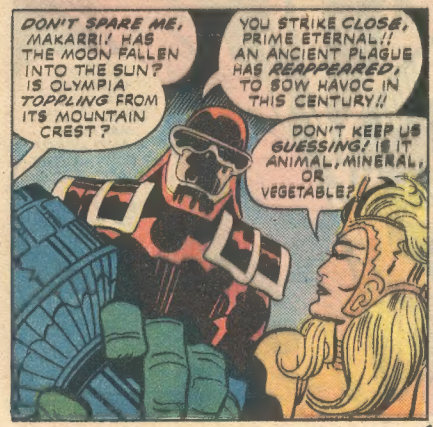
BAM! CLANK!

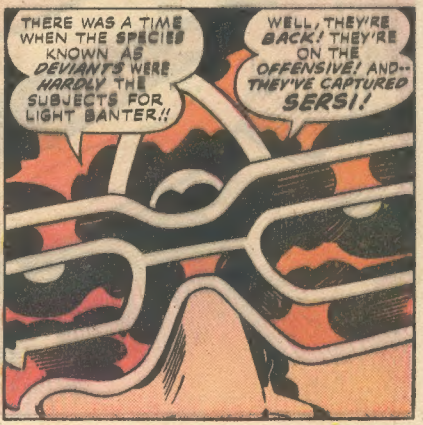
NOT SO, GREAT ONE! THE BOUT IS *MINE!*


MY AUTO-BOXER STANDS VICTORIOUS, FATHER! ADMIT THAT MY SKILL AT THIS GAME OUTSTRIPS YOUR OWN!
I'D HAVE WON, IF THIS BUZZER HADN'T BEEN DRIVING ME OUT OF MY WITS!!
BZZZZT! BZZZT!


FIREBALLS AND COMETS, DOMO! WHAT KIND OF CALAMITY HAS SPARKED THIS CONFOUNDED BUZZING!?
I-IT'S MAKARRI, GREAT ONE--! H-HE WON'T LEAVE UNTIL HE SEES YOU! I-I MUST RELY ON YOUR WISDOM IN THIS MATTER!


SEND HIM IN!!
FILL MY CUP, THENA! I CAN TOLERATE THAT RACING NUT ONCE I'M AMPLY FORTIFIED!
MAKARRI GREETS MIGHTY ZURAS, AND HAILS THE PERFECTION OF THENA-- THE MOST FORTUNATE OF DAUGHTERS!
GLIB TONGUES USUALLY MAKE LARGE REQUESTS!!


DON'T SPARE ME, MAKARRI! HAS THE MOON FALLEN INTO THE SUN? IS OLYMPIA TOPPLING FROM ITS MOUNTAIN CREST?
YOU STRIKE CLOSE, PRIME ETERNAL!! AN ANCIENT PLAGUE HAS REAPPEARED, TO SOW HAVOC IN THIS CENTURY!!
DON'T KEEP US GUESSING! IS IT ANIMAL, MINERAL, OR VEGETABLE?


THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE SPECIES KNOWN AS DEVIANTS WERE HARDLY THE SUBJECTS FOR LIGHT BANTER!!
WELL, THEY'RE BACK! THEY'RE ON THE OFFENSIVE! AND-- THEY'VE CAPTURED SERSI!

A MASSIVE SHADOW STIRS UPON THE FAR WALL. IT FOLLOWS THE MOVEMENT OF A MOST MAJESTIC FORM--ZURAS, THE ELDEST OF ETERNALS, AND WIELDER OF A HUNDRED POTENT POWERS, RISES IN ANGER!!
BLAST THIS CENTURY OF WORLD WARS, MINI-WARS, AND GUERRILLA WARS! ARE WE NOW TO REVIVE A COSMIC WAR!!??
GIVE ME THE DETAILS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, MAKARRI --AND HEED! BE FORTHRIGHT AND ACCURATE IN YOUR DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU'VE SEEN!
AND ABOVE ALL, DON'T ALLOW YOUR YOUTHFUL ENERGIES TO MOVE YOU TO OFFER RASH PROPOSALS!!

MAKARRI OBEDIENTLY AND CAREFULLY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT AT THE VIEWSCREEN.

THE PICTURE IS *CLEAR* ENOUGH, MAKARRI! BUT *WHAT* HAS DRIVEN THE DEVIANTS TO TERRORIZE THE HUMANS?

THAT SHALL BE KNOWN TO US *SOON*, GREAT ONE. WE MUST FIRST CONSIDER *SERSI'S* FATE!

NEVER FEAR FOR *THAT* BUNDLE OF TROUBLE! PITY THE *DEVIANTS* WHO TOOK HER CAPTIVE!

ZURAS SUDDENLY *EXPLODES* WITH RAGE! HUGE BOLTS OF RAW ENERGY LEAP FROM HIS BODY!

ARE WE *NEVER* TO SPEND OUR DAYS IN PEACEFUL PURSUITS!? MUST WE REMAIN FOREVER *CHAINED* TO SAVAGE COUSINS WITH WHOM WE SHARE THIS WORLD?

KRAK!

FATHER! YOU'LL *RUIN* THE *FURNITURE!*

DON'T DIVERT ME WITH *TRIVIA*, THENA! YOUR TRUE THOUGHTS *CANNOT* BE *HIDDEN* FROM MIGHTY ZURAS!

THEN MIGHTY ZURAS KNOWS THAT THE DEVIANTS MUST BE TAUGHT TO *RESPECT* ETERNALS! YOU KNOW THAT *I* INTEND TO DO THE TEACHING!!

WELL SAID, THENA!

GO, THEN -- BOTH OF YOU! VENT YOUR AGGRESSIONS UPON THE DEVIANTS. THERE'S MORE TO DO HERE THAN JOIN IN SMALL ENCOUNTERS!!

YOU *HEARD* HIM! *WE LEAVE AT ONCE!*

Y-YOUR WISH, I-IS MY COMMAND, THENA!

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SOON AFTER...

IF YOU HAVE *NO QUALMS* ABOUT TRAVELLING AT THE *SPEED OF LIGHT*, THENA, THEN THIS CRAFT SHOULD PLEASE YOU!!

I HOPE THAT THIS IS ONE OF YOUR FASTER VEHICLES, MAKARRI! I DON'T LIKE TO WASTE TIME WHEN THERE'S ACTION INVOLVED!

THE DEVIANTS, AT THIS MOMENT, STILL ADVANCE IN FEARSOME RANKS! THEIR PATH IS STREWN WITH FLAMING DEBRIS, AND THE CRIES OF TERRIFIED HUMANS ECHO FROM EVERY DIRECTION!!

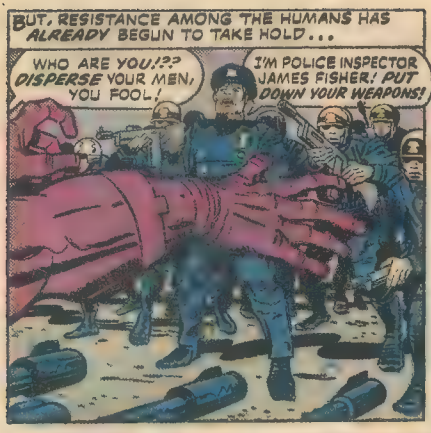
DON'T STOP, DEVIANTS! *PRESS ON!* WE MUST BURN THIS NIGHT INTO THE *MEMORIES* OF THE INHABITANTS!!

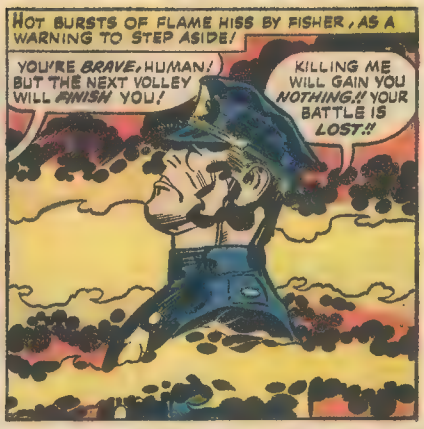
HAHAHAHAH! THEY WON'T FORGET THIS!

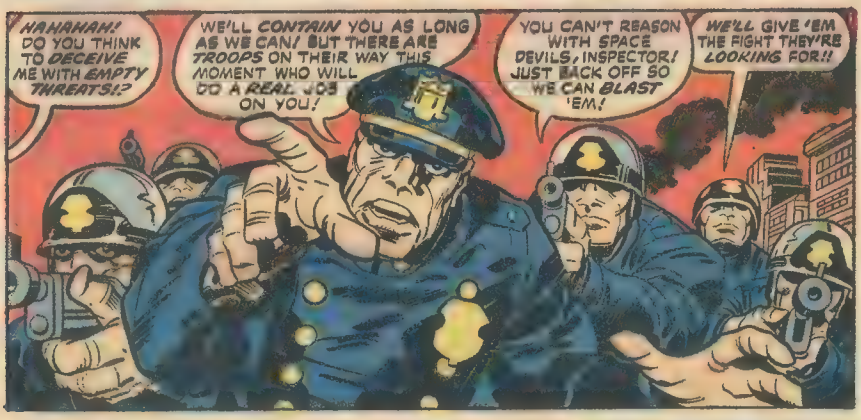
KRO IS WELL AWARE THAT AT SOME POINT THE HUMANS WILL OVERCOME THEIR FEAR AND WILL STRIKE BACK IN VENGEANCE!! THEY WILL SEEK AND FIND THE ENEMY HE IS *PLANTING* IN THEIR MINDS!!

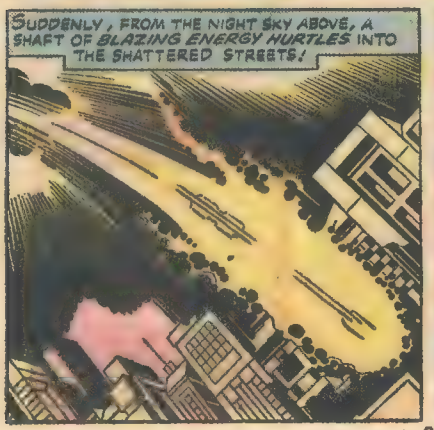
COWER AND CRINGE AND CRAWL INTO YOUR HOLES, WORTHLESS HUMANS! WE'VE COME BACK FROM SPACE TO RECLAIM THE EARTH!

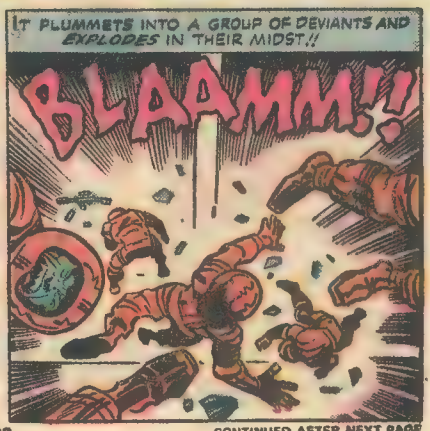
WE RULED HERE IN CENTURIES PAST! AND WHEN WE'RE THROUGH HERE, *WE SHALL BE THE MASTERS ONCE MORE!*











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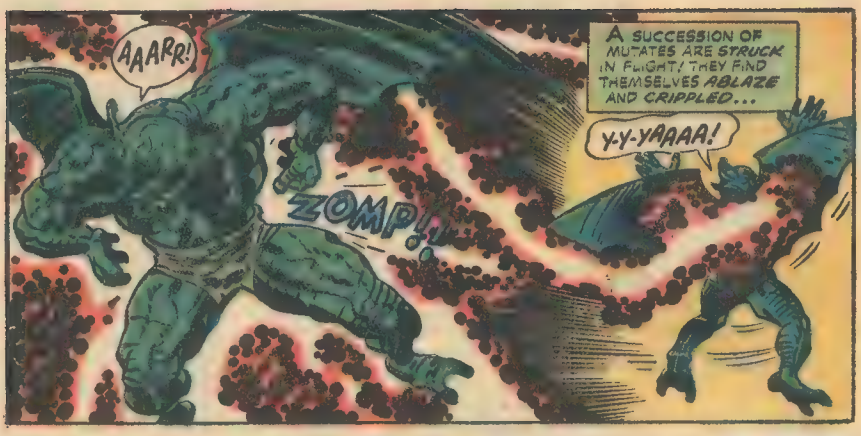
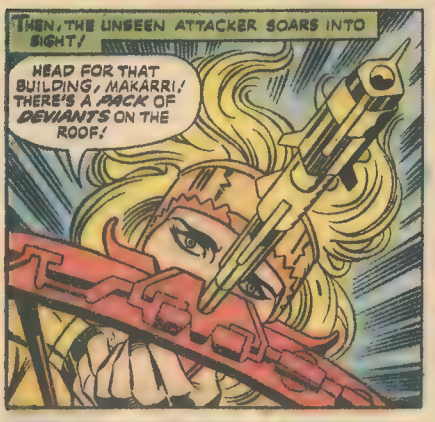
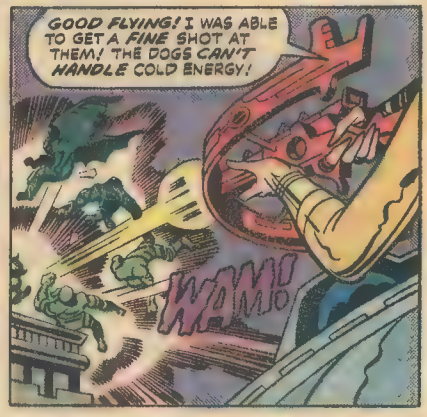
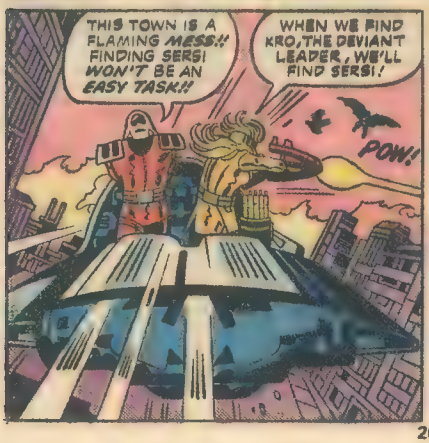
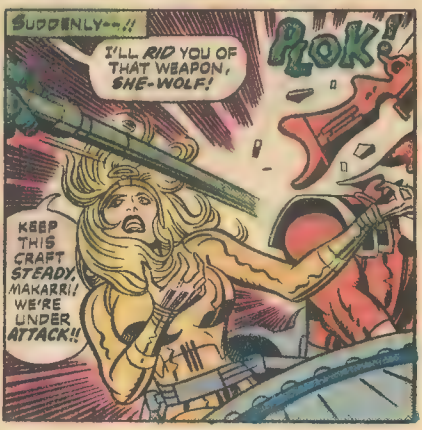
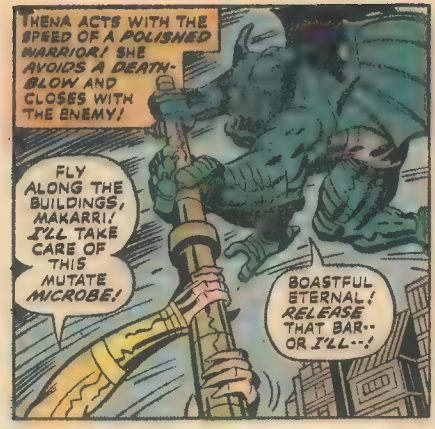

AAARR!
ZOMP!
A SUCCESSION OF MUTATES ARE STRUCK IN FLIGHT! THEY FIND THEMSELVES ABLAZE AND CRIPPLED...
Y-Y-YAAAA!

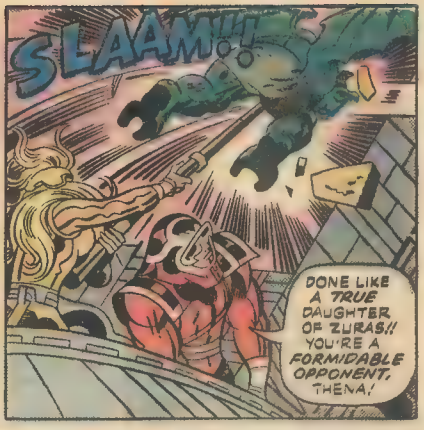

THEN, THE UNSEEN ATTACKER SOARS INTO SIGHT!
HEAD FOR THAT BUILDING, MAKARRI! THERE'S A PACK OF DEVIANTS ON THE ROOF!

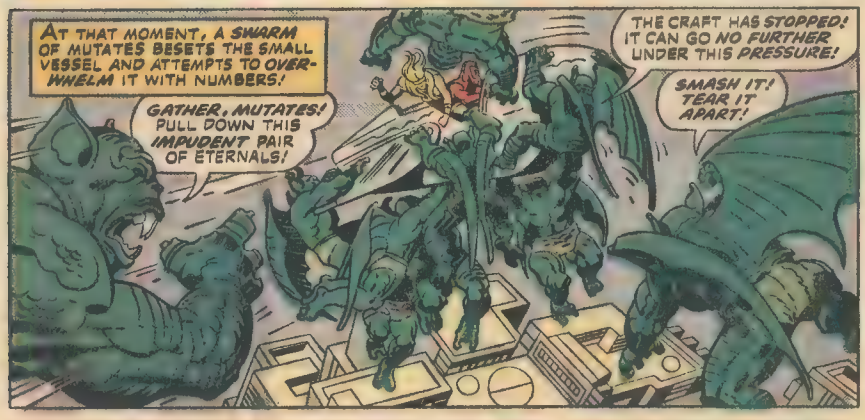

GOOD FLYING! I WAS ABLE TO GET A FINE SHOT AT THEM! THE DOGS CAN'T HANDLE COLD ENERGY!
WAMM!

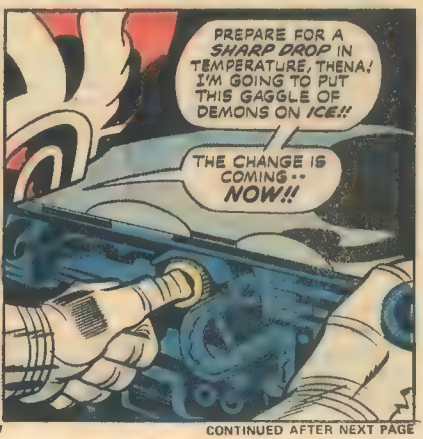

THIS TOWN IS A FLAMING MESS!! FINDING SERSI WON'T BE AN EASY TASK!!
WHEN WE FIND KRO, THE DEVIANT LEADER, WE'LL FIND SERSI!
POW!


SUDDENLY--!!
I'LL RID YOU OF THAT WEAPON, SHE-WOLF!
PLOK!
KEEP THIS CRAFT STEADY, MAKARRI! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!!









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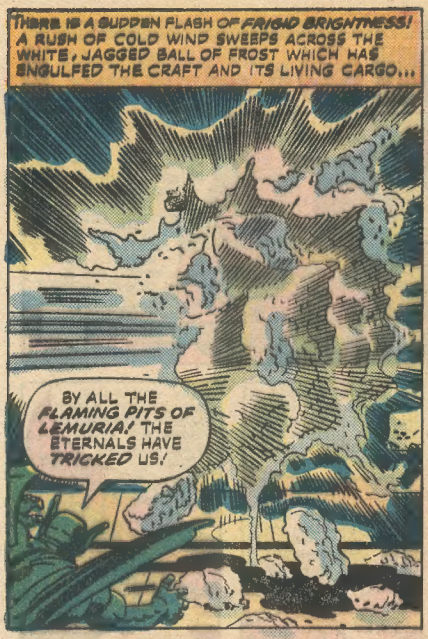
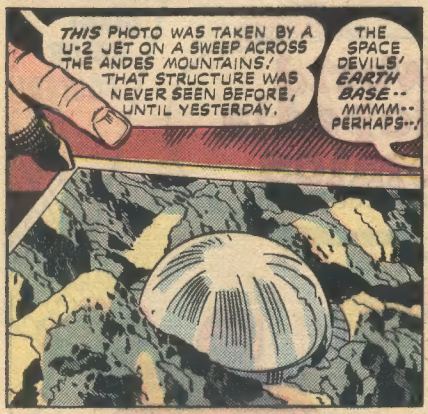
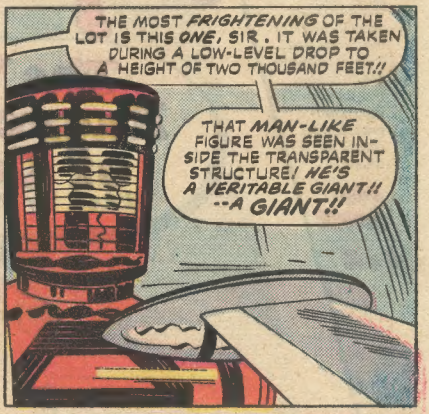

THERE IS A SUDDEN FLASH OF FRIGID BRIGHTNESS! A RUSH OF COLD WIND SWEEPS ACROSS THE WHITE, JAGGED BALL OF FROST WHICH HAS ENGULFED THE CRAFT AND ITS LIVING CARGO...
BY ALL THE FLAMING PITS OF LEMURIA! THE ETERNALS HAVE TRICKED US!

THEN, THE ICE-ENCRUSTED SHAPES OF MUTATES BEGIN TO TUMBLE FROM THE SKY...

THE FROST RECEDES FROM THE SURFACE OF THE CRAFT, AS IT LEAPS ONCE MORE INTO MOTION...
BRRRRRRR!! IT TOOK INTENSE CONCENTRATION TO ENDURE THAT BIT OF WHIMSY!
IT'S NOTHING I'D LIKE TO REPEAT, BUT IT DID GET US FREE OF THOSE UGLY BOORS!

LOOK, MAKARRI! THERE'S SOME SORT OF CONFRONTATION TAKING PLACE IN THAT WIDE STREET -- BETWEEN DEVIANTS AND LAW GUARDIANS!!
I-I CAN MAKE OUT THE DEVIANT'S LEADER! HE MUST BE ONE OF THEIR ROYAL FAMILY!
HE'LL GIVE US A FIGHT! BUT, HE CAN ALSO GIVE US THE ANSWERS WE SEEK!!





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ETERNAL UTTERINGS

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Dear Marvel,

I bought two copies of each of the first two issues of ETERNALS. I'm happy to say that it's a good book, but I noticed that Ikaris wasn't wearing his costume. How come? Also, why don't you put ETERNALS on a monthly basis, so we don't have to wait so long between issues?

Eric Simpson
1406 New York Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Ah, but ETERNALS *is* produced on a monthly basis, Eric. Apparently your local neighborhood store is a trifle late in displaying Marvel's latest masterwork. We suggest you bring up the matter to the manager. Let him know that you don't want to miss a single issue.

And as to the matter of Ikaris' costume, we now all know that he *was* wearing it all the time...it was just a matter of seeing it as it was.

Dear Jack,

ETERNALS #2 just came out here, and I'm happy to report that the story surpassed the first issue. The introduction of Ajak made the issue well worth reading.

It looks like you plan to use much of the world's ancient history in the series, and I for one am enjoying it. Nevertheless, if you plan to use the sunken city of Lemuria, I hope you'll clear up the continuity between it and the Lemuria featured in SUB-MARINER and KULL. If you don't, I fear that many fans will be totally confused as to any references that are made toward the city.

I really enjoyed your artwork this issue—especially the full-page and double-page spreads. So, once again, I'll wish you luck with the series. I hope it will go on forever!

Phil Botwinick
83-05 98th St.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Dear Jack,

When I first heard the news of a series concerning gods on the earth, I was greatly excited. And after reading the first two issues of ETERNALS, I am even more so. The theories of ancient visitations by alien intelligences are very thought-provoking, and your stories supply some intriguing possible answers. Your artwork is perfect for this type of presentation. Your tremendous imagination and storytelling ability make this one book that I will eagerly follow.

I hope that you will delve further into the Incas and their civilization. They were a fascinating people, and they deserve a thorough probe of their way of life.

And I hope you don't decide to let the events of ETERNALS remain isolated from the rest of Marveldom. In a word, I hope that other Marvel characters will be making brief appearances. Of course, I realize that too much exposure to the more realistic Marvel Universe might damage the fantasy concept of the mag. Well, whatever you decide to do, I'll be eagerly awaiting. Good luck, and keep up the good work.

Kurt Cruppenink
1307 N. State St.
Westville, IL 61883

Hi, people!

ETERNALS #2 was superb! I really dug the splash pages, especially shots of the Celestials' ship and Ajak's Inca costume. Both were perfect examples of *Marvelous* artwork and magnificent design.

I've read several books written along the lines of ETERNALS, and I've enjoyed them. I also enjoy science fiction and comics. Well, ETERNALS combines the best of all three! I count it as one of the best comics that has come out in a long time. Keep it up!

Brett Lilley
RR #5
Danville, IL 61832

Dear Stan and Jack,

I've been buying and reading Marvel Comics for the past six years, and I really enjoy them. But I've never taken the time to sit down and write...until I read the first two issues of ETERNALS.

This is by far the best comic that I've ever read. ETERNALS shows what a talent like Jack Kirby can really produce when he puts his heart into a project.

Keep up the good work. I hope ETERNALS will be around for a long time to come.

Cliff Keirce
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Dear Jack,

ETERNALS has to be one of your greatest works! Your art is near-perfect, but you've got to draw more fingernails! Issues #1 and #2 have a lot of suspense and mystery about them, and I like that. Keep it up!

Joe Setto
5233 Mecca
Tarzana, CA 91356

Whew! Thanks a lot, Joe! From the veritable mountain of mail ETERNALS had received, we had become afraid that there was absolutely nothing we could do to improve the mag. We promise to watch the manicure in the future. Okay?

Dear Jack,

In the short span of two issues, the ETERNALS has become an immensely entertaining comic book. The reason for this is that the subject this book concerns itself with is such a popular one. Almost everyone wonders what is "out there." At the same time, most people want to believe that we are not the only ones who exist in the universe, that some other race or group is waiting to be discovered. These two elements combine to give the ETERNALS its great appeal.

The coming of the Celestials in issue #2 gave us our first look at the gods. The landing on earth of these beings as shown on pages 2-3 was truly a magnificent sight to behold. The plot twist of the ark and the great flood as explained by Ikaris was a rational and worthwhile touch when seen in the light of all we know about the gods. The storyline of the book is just right. It moves at just the right tempo and doesn't reveal too much too soon to the reader. This is one comic book that keeps me in suspense from issue to issue. Keep up the great work.

Bill Dickenson
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NEXT ISSUE: Dr. Samuel Holden cordially invites you to sit in on his class for a special lecture. Who are the guest speakers? Oh...Ikaris, Sersi, Thena, Makarri, and—in the interest of equal time—Cro! It's a story we call "Gods and Men at City College!" Higher education was never like this! So run—don't walk—to the stands in just thirty days for the sixth, senses-shattering issue of ETERNALS!

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